

1                   **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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6   Group Art Unit .....2161  
7   Examiner ..... Chen, Te Y  
8   Attorney's Docket No. ....MS1-2667  
9   Title: Automatic Pruning of Orphaned Objects From Directory Services and Other  
10       Databases

11                   **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 10/11/05**

12   To:       Commissioner of Patents  
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20                   **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

21       This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated 10/11/05 for  
22       which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for 1/11/06.

23       Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

24       **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this communication.

25       **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this communication.